

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 12, cancel claim 2 without prejudice, and add new claims 17 and 18:

Claim 1, line ~~8~~<sup>6</sup>, before "free", delete "the";  
line 6, replace ~~"hexoses"~~ with --hexose--.

Claim 12, line ~~3~~, replace "by" with --with a--.

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--17. The process according to claim 1, wherein said lignose-containing material was partially hydrolyzed.

B1 18. The process according to claim 1 or 17, wherein said lignose-containing material was completely hydrolyzed.--

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